Ul) whether the work of laying water pipe lines is likely to be Liken np by the DDA or NIC D; and

(e) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP-STT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The work of laying clown water pipe lines has already commenced and 95 per cent progress has been achieved.

(c) The D. D. A, has reported that the water s. ipply from most of the hand. pumps is potable. In addition water is being supplied through tubewells.

(b) and (c) The work is being exe cuted by D. D. A. i

Subsidies and Loans to manufacturers of 'Q' Mark engines

2146. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently received a memorandum signed by more than 15 Members of Parliament for the injustice done to hundreds of small scale units manufacturing 'Q' mark diesel engines whose eligibility for subsidies and loans had been discontinued;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide subsidies loans to 'Q' ma"rk engines;

(c) whether it is a fact that hundreds of small industries engaged in manufacturing of 'Q' mark diesel engines have been closed down due to discontinuance of the eligibility for subsidy and loan to 'Q' mark engine; and

(d) if so. the details thereof including the number of units closed and number of persons rendered unemployed as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) and kl) Sucb information is not maintained at the Centre,

Observation Homes for Children

2147. SHRl V. GOPALSAMY;
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the total number of child-IL'II kept in the Observation Homes in the Country, State-wise; and

(b) what steps Government h'av$_e$ taken to implement the suggestions of the Supreme Court Bench in its latest ruling in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE ^MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GI-RIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Observation home-, set up by Hie State Govts are meant only for a short stay and the figures change from day to day.

(b) The suggestions of the Supreme Court in regard to the need of a Centra! legislation having certain features have already been implemented by passage ot the Juvenile Justice Act by Parliament.

National Commission on Urbanisation

2148. SHRl T. R. BALU:
SHR1 V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to stale:

(a) whether ii is a fact that the National Commission on Urbanisation had recently recommended immediate intervention ot the Centre for the protection of the four Metropolitan cities, of Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras from the health point of view; and

(b) whether the Commission has evolved a concept of National Cities and what steps Government have taken to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The National Commission on